

Beirut/Mt Lebanon WASH Sector Working Group – Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting	Beirut/Mt Lebanon WASH Sector Meeting		
Meeting Location	Beirut, UNHCR Field Office	Meeting Date	18 Feb 2014
Chair persons	Hani Chatila (chatila@unhcr.org)	Meeting Time	11.30 am
Minutes Prepared by	Hani Chatila (chatila@unhcr.org)	Meeting Duration	1.30 hrs

Review of action points of last meeting (21 Jan 2014)

Action	By who	Progress
Collect information from partners (ITS and CS mapping)	Partners and UNHCR FO	Ongoing
WASH Sector Leads to make policy decision on provision of fuel and paying water subscription fees	Sector leads	Ongoing

Review of current statistics

- The number of Syrian refugees in Beirut and Mount-Lebanon reached around 240,000 individuals between registered and awaiting registration. 24.8 % of registered refugees in Lebanon are based in Beirut and Mount-Lebanon. Baabda still has the highest numbers of refugees in Mount-Lebanon.

Partner summary updates

MF:

- Distributing hygiene and baby vouchers to all eligible families in Beirut. Distribution is currently taking place in gathering hall of Aicha Bakkar Mosque. Due to delay of purchasing of vouchers, MF double distributing to refugees in February in order to make up for January. MF to coordinate with PU-AMI as refugees residing in Baabda are to receive hygiene and baby material from PU-AMI.

PU-AMI:

- Distributions of hygiene and baby kits for the months of January and February have been finalized. Assessments before WASH/Shelter intervention are complete. ITS mapping is ongoing (throughout all of Mt Lebanon).

Action Point: Partners to provide PU-AMI with coordinates of ITS

UN Habitat:

- As various actors are intervening in Iklim Al Kharoub, UN Habitat has decided to relocate most of its WatSan activities to the South. For Mt Lebanon, the WatSan activities will be limited to sewage pipeline construction/rehabilitation in selected areas of Ketermaya, Daraya and Chhim.

Action Point: Synne to update Sector on WatSan activities

IOCC:

- Have secured funding from Norwegian Church Aid and are interested in implemented WASH activities in Mt Lebanon. Total amount of funding, type of intervention and duration of project and project location will be further elaborated next meeting.

Action Point: Hani (UNHCR) to coordinate with Sanaa (IOCC)

CARE:

- Are finalizing their WASH intervention in Iklim Al Kharoub, funded by CIDA. Construction and rehabilitation of sanitation facilities at HH level have commenced alongside to construction of new tertiary sewage lines. The WatSan activities are mainly linked to Mazboud, Mghiereh and Chhim. Interventions are set to be finalized end of March 2014.

CHF:

- Are in process of finalizing HP pamphlet, procurement of HH level filters and water testing kit. Identification and rehabilitation of HH and CS are ongoing (WASH/Shelter).

Mapping of water quality results

CHF have proposed to proceed with water quality testing and mapping of results for public schools, public hospitals and water selling points. CHF have commenced with testing water samples (intervention to include Baabda, Aley and Chouf).

Updates from National level

- Note on risk of water shortage has been issued and can be found on the web portal. Sector actors are to review document and advise on interventions that could alleviate water shortage this summer.

AOB

- Next meeting in Beirut / Mt Lebanon Field Office, 11:30am, 18th March 2014.

Agencies/NGOs who attended this meeting

ACTED, CARE, CHF, IOCC, MF, PU-AMI, RI, SC, UN Habitat and UNHCR.

To Do List

Action	By who	By when
Actors to provide PU-AMI with coordinates of ITS in Mt Lebanon	Actors	ASAP
Update on WatSan projects in Mt Lebanon	Synne – UN Habitat	Next meeting
Update on IOCC confirmed funding for WASH in Mt Leb	Sanaa - IOCC	Next meeting
Hani to coordinate with Sanaa on areas of assessment	Hani - UNHCR	ASAP
Status updates on water quality monitoring in public schools, public hospitals and water selling shops	Alice – ACTED Maya - CHF	Next meeting